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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey # 84-3 Date mid-18th cen., ca. 1810

Building Name Piscataway Tavern and Store

Location Floral Park Road, Piscataway

Open to Public yes X no

Piscataway Tavern is a frame structure built in two sections, each section three bays wide. The eastern or larger section is 2½ stories high, with an entrance in the first bay and a one story porch across the south front. A large exterior chimney rises at the north gable end, and there are two round-arched dormers on each slope of the roof.

The west portion is 1½ stories high with exterior brick chimney at the west gable end. There is a door in the central bay, but the porch which originally sheltered the south front has been removed. The two dormers on the south slope of the roof have been removed in recent years. Both sections of the building are presently covered with gray synthetic shingle. The 1936 HABS photographs show the random width siding on both sections of the house, and the wooden shingles and porch on the western section.

A large frame dwelling house, with kitchen and store house, stood on this property in the late eighteenth century and was operated as a tavern and store by Thomas Clagett until his death in 1792. After his death, the lot and the "deteriorating" structure were sold to Clagett's brother, Nathaniel. At some point early in the 19th century the large dwelling and kitchen were replaced by the east section of the present house; only the smaller west section remains from the eighteenth century complex. In 1809, Nathaniel Clagett willed the property to his mulatto daughter, Fanny Oden, who continued to operate there until it was sold by her son in 1841.

In the early years of this century, the building was operated as a tavern and store by the Boswell family. It is presently occupied, but in deteriorated condition, and suffers minor but continuous damage by virtue of its location on the very edge of a fairly steadily travelled road.

Priv/Occ/Residence/Fair

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Piscataway Tavern and Store

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

2204 Floral Park Road (Maryland Route 223)

CITY, TOWN

Piscataway

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

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3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Milton Chapman & Catherine Claggett Chapman

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

2204 Floral Park Rd

CITY, TOWN

Piscataway, Md.

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

P.G. Co. Courthouse

Liber #: 4161

Folio #: 255

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

Md.

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

HABS(1936) also P.G.Co. Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE

1974

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Calvert Mansion, MNCPPC, 4811 Riverdale Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Riverdale, Md. 20737

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES mid 18th cen., ca 1810^B BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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1. Chancery #58:651; Deed JRM#11:447
2. Will TT#1:9; Deed JBB!:419

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susan G. Pearl

ORGANIZATION

P.G. Historical & Cultural Trust

DATE

March 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Calvert Mansion, 4811 Riverdale Rd.

TELEPHONE

779-2011

CITY OR TOWN

Riverdale, Md. 20737

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

CHAIN OF TITLE
PISCATAWAY TAVEN
P.G. #84-3

4161:255
11 Nov 1972
quit claim

John A. Boswell to Milton and Catherine Clagett Chapman; 10.65 acres in Piscataway which grantor inherited from brother George C. Boswell

#14397
7 Nov 1958
Will

Testator, George C. Boswell: to brother John A. Boswell, all real estate, house and land for his life, then to my little friend Cathy Clagett

467:467
8 Nov 1935
Deed

Helen Gates to George C. Boswell; 9 3/4 acres on north side + 1 acre on south side of road through Piscataway, including house and store attached on north side

467:464
8 Nov 1935
Deed

John A., George C. et al Boswells, all heirs of Louisa A. Boswell to Helen Gates; land which Louisa Boswell acquired by #30:295

30:295
2 June 1906
Deed

Charles B. Boswell to wife Louisa A. Boswell; same land which Boswell acquired from Robey, parcel on north side of road with dwelling house & store attached

JWB#35:507
18 Mar 1896
Deed

Summerset D. Robey, administrator for Thomas Yates Robey, deceased, to Charles B. Boswell; parcel on the north side of road through Piscataway with dwelling house and store house attached. (T.Y. Robey had sold parcel to Boswell, but died before executing deed; S.D. Robey appointed by court to do so)

JWB#3:254
30 Apr 1884
Deed

Thomas A. Lusby to Thomas Yates Robey; two parcels on north side of road through Piscataway, with dwelling house and store attached, same described in HB#1:156

JWB#3:36
28 Apr 1883
Deed

Richard Brandt & J.K. Roberts Jr. trustees (appointed by court to sell real estate of C.F. Miller - equity #1295) to Thomas A. Lusby; two parcels on north side of road, dwelling house and store attached

#1295
1883
Equity

Houchens vs. Miller; Brandt & Roberts appointed to sell real estate of Cornelius F. Miller "commodious dwelling house with store house and lot of land attached..."

WB#1:156
19 Mar 1868
Deed

William & Ella Ward, heirs of John W. Ward, to Cornelius F. Miller; whereas John W. Ward had in 1850 agreed to convey to Miller his 2-story dwelling house on north side of road through Piscataway, adjoining his then store (excepting the celler to said house; store and celler subsequently sold to Miller by trustee Samuel Coe), and since Miller has paid purchase price, now heirs of Ward execute this deed

JBB#1:419
23 March 1841
Deed

Nathaniel C. Oden to John W. Ward, lots in Piscataway, being the property left in the will of Nathaniel Clagett to the mother of Nathaniel C. Oden.

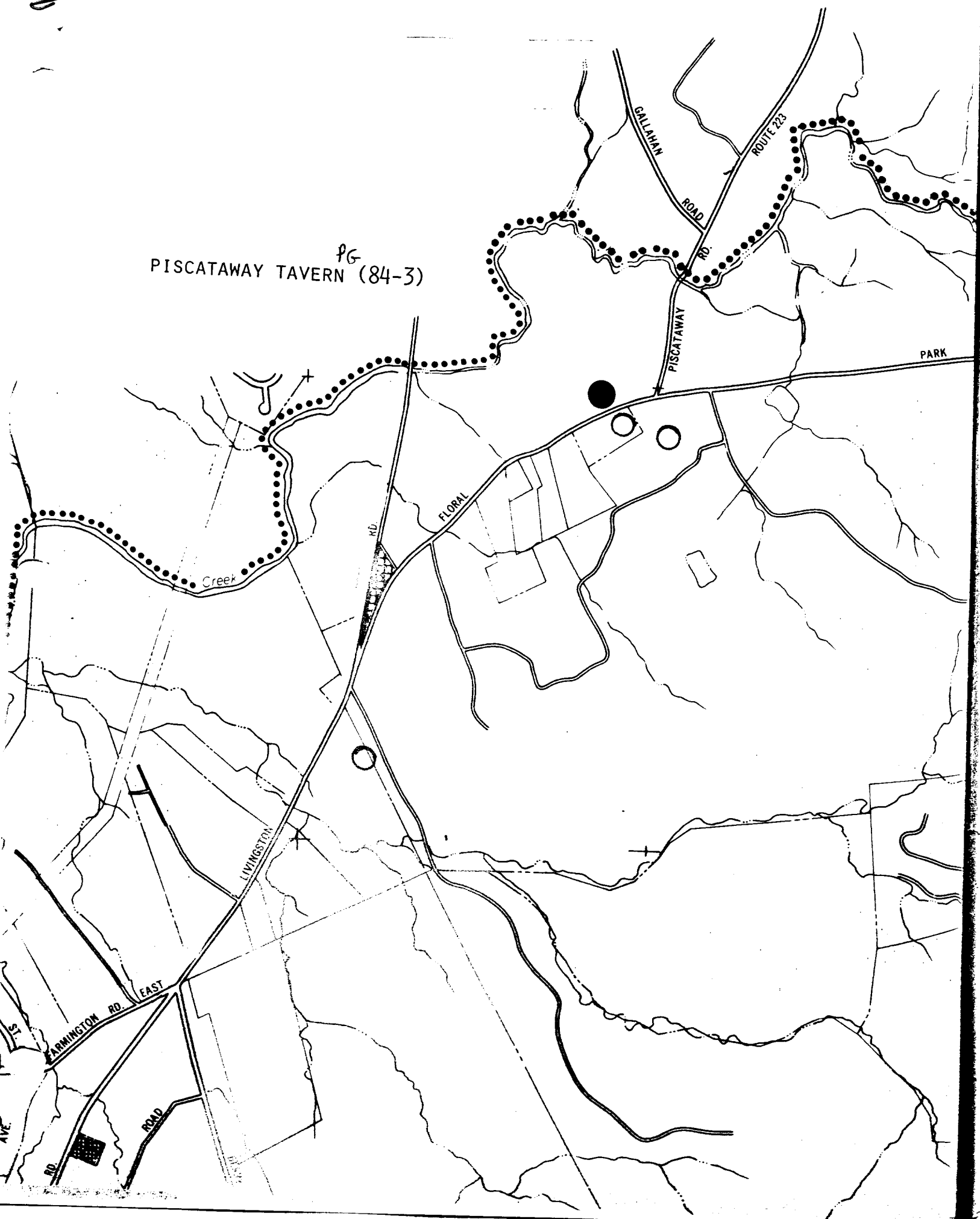
TT#1:9
1 Feb 1809
Will

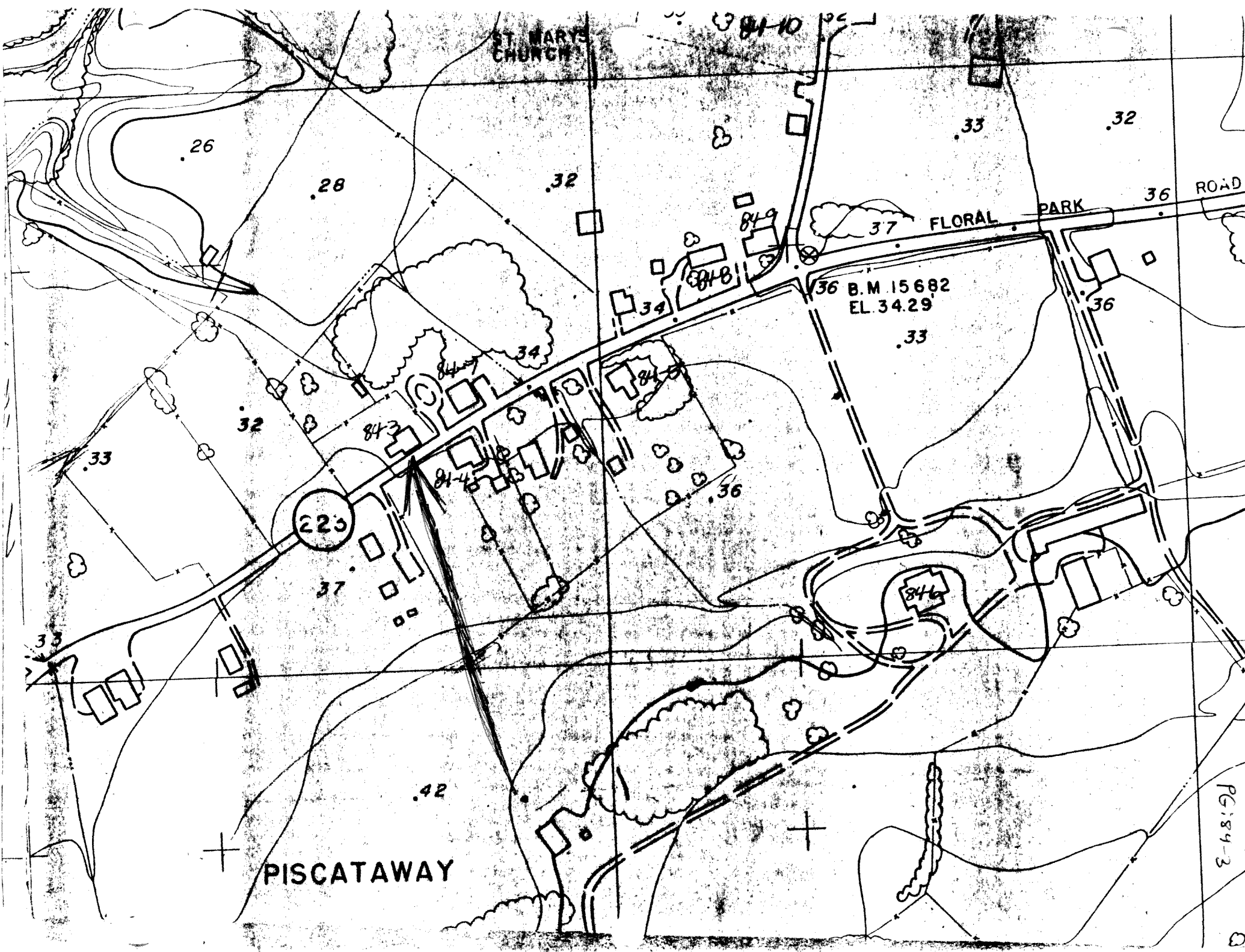
Testator, Nathaniel Clagett; to Fanny (yellow) daughter of Annaha (yellow): lot and houses adjoining Basil Bowling which Clagett bought from Thomas Duckett, trustee appointed to sell the land of Thomas Clagett; Nathaniel Clagett believes Fanny to be his daughter.

#58:651
1806
Chancery

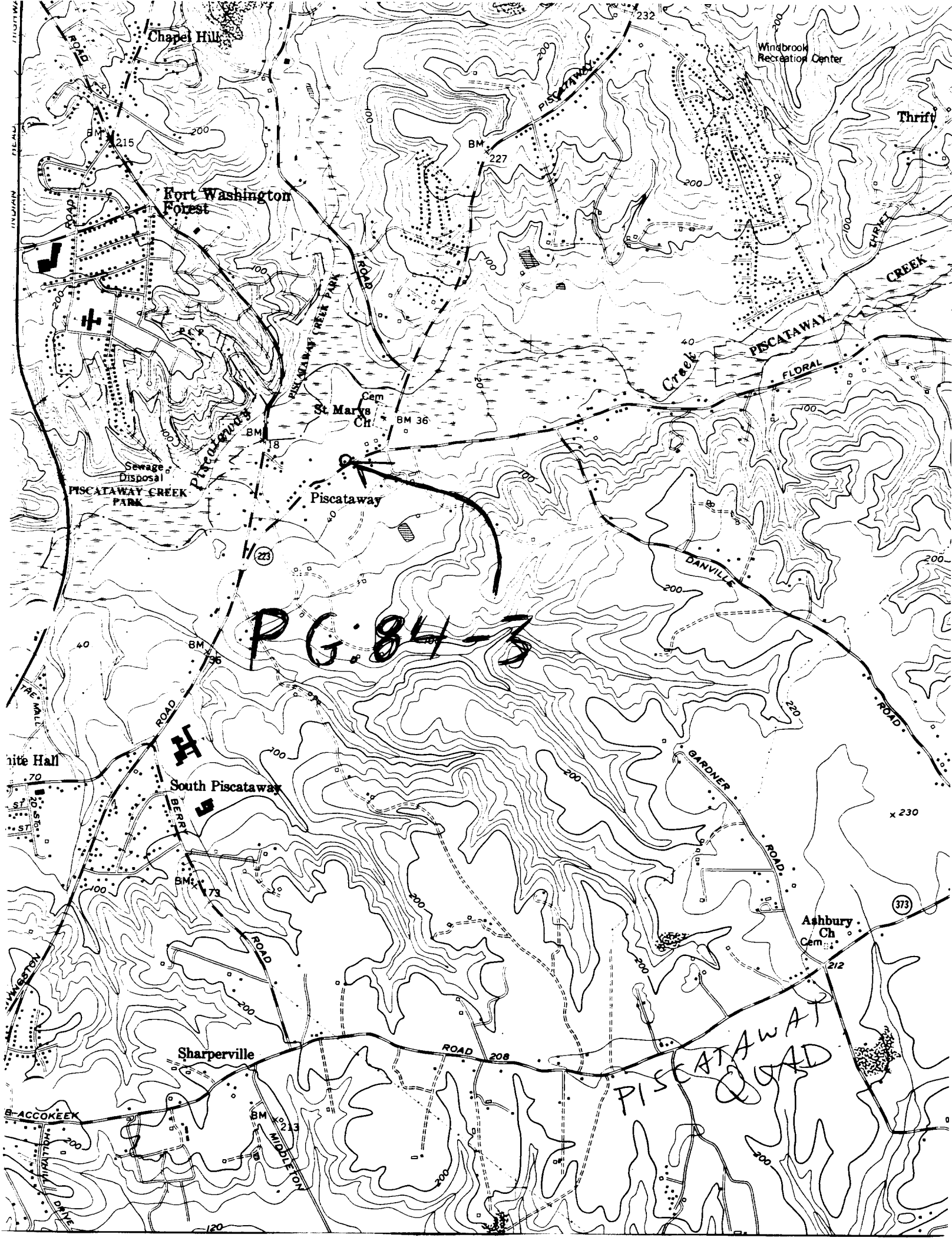
Thomas Duckett appointed to sell real estate of Thomas Clagett, deceased; in May 1806, Duckett sold a lot with a deteriorating house on it to Nathaniel Clagett for \$1400. Clagett agreed to let Basil Bowling have part of it, to be divided as Clagett and Bowling decide; final sale, June 1806.

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PISCATAWAY TAVERN (84-3)





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Piscataway Village Historic District

Piscataway Tavern

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October 1984

From east

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From southwest

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NAME DISCATAWAY TAVERN # 84-3
LOCATION FLORAL PARK Rd DISCATAWAY, Md
FACADE S
PHOTO TAKEN 7/31/74 MDWYER



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LOCATION	FLORAL PARK Rd	PISCATAWAY, Md
FACADE	S	
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